

REMARKS

Amendment to the Specification:

The first amendment to the specification amends the application to insert the requisite claim to priority.

The specification has also been amended in connection with a Submission of Formal Drawings and a Petition to Accept Color Drawings pursuant to 37 CFR 1.84(a)(2). Applicants are submitting formal drawings for the above-identified application which include one color drawing, and therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the specification be amended as indicated to fulfill the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.84(a)(2)(iv).

The specification has also been amended to correct a typographical error in the spelling of the term "opsonization."

Drawings

Enclosed are 18 sheets of formal drawings illustrating Figs. 1-18 of the application. Figs. 1-18 constitute all of the drawings in the application. Applicants note that Figs. 1-2, and 16 are scanned images, and not photographs, and therefore, only one copy of each of the drawings is enclosed herewith. The scanned images of Figs. 1-2, and 16 are the best available drawings, since Applicants do not keep original photographs of these figures. Applicants submit that all of the drawings of the application meet with drawing standards as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.84.

Claim Amendments

The claims have been amended to reduce the total number of claims for filing and therefore reduce filing fees.

Sequence Listing

A paper copy of the Sequence Listing is enclosed herewith. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.825(a) and (b) and § 1.821(f), Applicants' agent hereby asserts that the content of the paper copy of SEQ ID NOs:1-15 enclosed herewith is identical to the computer readable form filed in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/245,764, filed February 5, 1999. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(e), please use the computer readable form filed in that application as the computer readable form for the instant application. It is understood that the Patent and Trademark Office will make the necessary

change in application number and filing date for the computer readable form that will be used for the instant application.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this Preliminary Amendment, but if fees are due, please debit Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

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